



Helping you **START** Researching

Our mission is to advance research efforts that seek to improve the lives of individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and behavioral health needs and their families.

What we provide

Research Development

Assist in the development and design of new research projects.

Technical Assistance

Help programs utilize their data from SIRS to support their projects.

Consultation

Link programs with experts affiliated with the START network to review, consult and assist with publication efforts.

Funding

Provide small grants up to \$5,000 to enable the collection and analysis of additional data outside the scope of normal operations.

Our goals



Inspire and support START network members to conduct and consume research that addresses the needs of the population we serve.



Provide consultation services and discretionary funding to help START programs develop and launch independent research projects.



Connect parties within and across the START network and its affiliates who share similar research interests.



Disseminate research related to START and individuals with IDD and behavioral health needs and provide regular updates on all research initiatives.

Call for Research Proposals

The Research Committee is currently seeking proposals for project that:

- Seek to understand the role of START in promoting optimal outcomes for the population we serve
- Evaluate START's impact on a community's ability to improve capacity
- Expand the knowledge base regarding the challenges that individuals with IDD and behavioral health needs face and the solutions to overcome them

All START programs are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to projects that utilize SIRS data and show potential for publication. Research proposal submission details and additional information on reverse.

How to Submit a Research Proposal



Attend a Brainstorming Session

Any program interested in submitting a research proposal should attend a Research Committee brainstorming session to discuss ideas and get feedback. The next brainstorming sessions (held remotely via zoom) are:

- Thursday, June 15, 2017, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Thursday, September 21, 2017, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Thursday, March 15, 2017, 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Submit a Project Narrative

Successful proposals should address how the project will support priorities of the START Research Committee. The narrative should be limited to five pages total, not including references, and include the following sections:

1. Specific aims
2. Background, Significance, and Innovation of the project
3. How the project relates to START's mission and values/how it enhances the START model
4. Research strategy (i.e. methodology, subjects, instrumentation, data analysis, etc.). Include use of SIRS data
5. Dissemination plan (how the research will be shared). Examples include a poster, paper, proposal, training materials, etc.
6. Project timeline
7. Personnel (roles and responsibilities of individuals involved in project)
8. References

Funding

Funding awards will be typically be limited to \$5000 per project; however, additional funds may be requested in some circumstances. Funds can be used for:

- General expenses of research, such as supplies and materials which are essential to the project.
- Essential travel related to the project
- Stipends to outside personnel for specialized work related to the project

Funds cannot be used to supplement or support existing program work.

Committee Chairs

Lauren Charlot, PhD

Luke Kalb, MHS

Ann Klein, MA

Committee Members

Joan Beasley, PhD

Andrea Caoili, LCSW

Jill Hinton, PhD

Diane Jacobstein, PhD

Michelle Medina, MS, NCC

David Schlesselman, LMSW

Submission Deadlines

The Research Committee will evaluate applications for research assistance three times annually. The next submission deadlines are:

- August 1, 2017
- November 1, 2017
- May 1, 2018

Project leaders will be notified within 45 days of submission.

Contact Us

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, attending a brainstorming session, or learning more, please email Ann Klein Ann.Klein@unh.edu.

www.centerforstartservices.org

Institute on Disability/UCED



University of
New Hampshire